Sikkim in January, 2003 *vide* the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Order (Amendment) Act, 2002. The Sikkim Scheduled Tribes list was modified after the 2001 Census Operations were over in the State. Therefore, the population of both Limbu and Tamang in Sikkim in respect of 2001 census is not available.

(d) The matter is under consideration of the government in the light of the above stated position. The government is working on various possible options to deal with the issue to satisfaction of all the concerned sections of the society in Sikkim.

Strengthening SAARC Terrorist Offences Monitoring Desk

1714. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:
PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether three-day South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) Home Ministers' meeting was held in New Delhi and decided to set up an institutional mechanism to enhance cooperation among SAARC Nations to meet the growing challenge of terrorism in the region;

(b) if so, what are the decisions taken; and

(c) whether India has offered to help in strengthening the SAARC Terrorist Offences Monitoring Desk?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) and (b) Second South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) Interior/Home Ministers meeting was held in New Delhi on 25th October, 2007. This Meeting was preceded by the Second Meeting of SAARC Interior/Home Secretaries on 24th October, 2007 and Sixth conference on Cooperation in Police Matters on 23rd October, 2007. The meeting/conference resolved to fight terrorism, organized crime, money laundering and other serious forms of crime and to strengthen existing institutional mechanisms for accelerating cooperation through capacity building, intelligence sharing etc.

(c) Yes, Sir. India offered to help in strengthening the SAARC Terrorist Offences Monitoring Desk (STOMD), which is located in Colombo, Sri Lanka. A team of experts from India is likely to visit Sri Lanka early next year to work out a proposal for the strengthening of STOMD.

Main facets of terrorism

1715. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government agree that main facets of terrorist in the country are, I.S.I. sponsored Jihadi terrorism across Pak Border in J and K; Terrorism by Bangladeshi infiltrators; Naxalite Terrorism; Terrorism by banned organisation namely LeT, SIMI, Dawood Ibrahim etc. and Terrorism Insurgency in N.E.;